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AZADERO POOL

The third great step has been horized for our Cazadero Camp, de possible by its share of the tennial Fund. First was the road, npleted a year ago; next will be a w truck; and now the new swim- ng pool. Blueprints have been pared by Scott Haymond, excava- n was begun by hand labor during 49 summer camps following a camp- ground-breaking ceremony last ne 17. Now there is sufficient money m the Centennial Fund to authorize ng ahead, with the hope that the ol will be ready for the 1950 camps. Work camps, beginning with a dent group January 26-29 during C. vacation, will construct forms concrete. The price estimate for 25x60 pool assumes that much the labor will be donated. Inci- ntally, gifts of cement or pipe or eelbarrows or nails are being ght, together with information ding to the securing of wholesale ces on goods that must be pur- ased. Men interested in volunteer- for one or more weekends during spring are asked to contact Rev. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, rkeley.

The pool will meet all requirements d recommendations of the State ard of Health, including showers, er plant, standard diving board, el fence, and adequate sun deck. e location, in the lower end of the l orchard, allows for plenty of sun d a broad view overlooking the ver meadow to the tall Douglas s beyond.

IIRA VISTA GAINS ERMIT TO BUILD

A church has finally won its right be established and to build in the eat Mira Vista area of El Cerrito in e hill district east of Richmond. st why people object to churches their neighborhoods is something ponder about, but they do. In odern life has the church become ch a nuisance that people classify with the institutions which are ob- ctionable, like saloons, night clubs, d livery stables? At any rate, a rge new site for the Mira Vista urch has been selected, with ample ace for off-street parking. The anning Commission approved and e City Council finally resisted the jections of nearby residents and eir pleas for delay and voted un- imously to approve. Title to the roperty will come to the Conference. hich in turn will give mortgages to e Congregational Church Building ociety.

Rev. Gifford M. Webster, the min- ter, moved into his home on Tulare venue on the 16th of December. lready he has mustered a real con- ituency, about thirty of whom were resent at the Council meeting ap- ealing for the privilege of having church. Folding chairs have been urchased, informal neighborhood atherings have been held, Sunday chool classes have been organized, nd a Christmas party with thirty resent took place.

From now on keep your eye on Mira Vista.

The new Eden Congregational Church of Hayward, built at a cost of $135,000, was dedicated on December 18. The sanctuary will seat 550 persons. A large social hall will accommodate 300 at a dinner, and there are several commodious beautifully lighted church school rooms. At the extreme rear appears the tower of the original building erected in 1867, which was moved to the new site and makes a beautiful smaller chapel. At the rear of the lot is the old parsonage, which will serve as a nursery center; and two quonset huts which have furnished temporary space will still be needed. The church now has a membership of over 500, 140 of whom were received during 1949. The church school enrollment is 340. At the dedication service, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, former pastor, read the scripture; Rev. William W. Meyer brought greetings from the Conference; Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Conference moderator, preached the dedicatory sermon. The church plant is now one of the most commodious and efficient in the Conference, and the church organization under the leadership of Rev. Richard Norberg has become one of our strongest units.

Laymen's Schools

The Board of Directors of the Laymen's Fellowship has laid plans for three Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship in 1950. This increase from one to three is being promoted this year for two reasons: because our laymen taxed the facilities of the Pacific School of Religion to capacity in 1949, and because many men in churches far distant from the Bay area have not been able to attend in the past. Under the new setup, President Herbert Hilker announces the following dates and plans for the assemblies: February 19 at Fresno; February 26 at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley; March 5 at Pioneer Church, Sacramento.

The main speaker at all of the gatherings will be Rev. Ira Black of the Board of Home Missions in New York. Mr. Black is one of our denominational experts in the field of personal evangelism, and the subject of "Evangelism" will be the theme of the laymen's schools this year. The other principal speakers will be Dr. Hugh Vernon White at Fresno and Prof. Robert F. Fitch at Berkeley. At Sacramento the laymen will attend the morning service to hear Dr. Torrance Phelps preach, as a part of their program. Worship services will be led by laymen at all three gatherings, and there will be discussion groups on Church Finance, the Duties of a Deacon, and Personal Evangelism. There will also be a round-table session at each school, led by a layman.

Further information will be mailed to each church, with registration blanks, at an early date. In the meantime laymen are urged to keep the dates open in their respective areas for these important gatherings.

1950 AT SANTA CRUZ

For the first time since 1918, the Northern California Congregational Conference will hold its annual meeting during the month of May. This was decided by unanimous vote at the meeting held in San Francisco last October. The dates will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 26, 27, and 28. It was felt by the Board of Directors that the weekend dates would make possible the attendance of a larger number of laymen and that during the month of May the pastors would feel freer to be away from their pulpits than in October, when the fall work is beginning.

The First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz, with its genial and vigorous pastor, Rev. Ed Cunningham, has invited the Conference and its invitation has been accepted. The last meeting of the Conference to be held in Santa Cruz was in 1939.

The Program Committee will hold its first meeting on February 3, with Moderator Hugh Vernon White as the chairman. Other members of the committee will be Mrs. Holland Burr, chairman of the Program Committee for the Federation; Mr. Herbert Hilker, president of the Laymen's Fellowship; Staff Members Messrs. Buckham, Meyer, and Gill; and Mr. Cunningham, the host pastor. The committee will welcome suggestions.

P.F.ers at Oakland

Stimulated by President Ronald Bridges' addresses and discussions, and filled with ideas and plans for the church at home, 297 delegates gathered at First Church, Oakland, for the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, ably directed by Rev. George Lindsay.

Wide representation included delegations from five San Joaquin area churches and three Modoc County churches, with delegates receiving returns from the travel pool who came over 150 miles. Leading in chapel and vespers were fifteen young people under the direction of Fresno's Pattie Royston and Louise Wrisley.

Long remembered from the Centennial Banquet will be Claude Ward's singing of "start me with ten who are stout-hearted men and I'll soon show you ten thousand more," and Rev. William E. McCormack's challenge to "trust our Pilot" as we cross new horizons in pioneering the next century.

Time would fail us, like the writer of Hebrews, to mention all the highlights and all the leaders to whom thanks are due for fine work for and with our youth of Pilgrim Fellowship.

Popular with all delegates was the announcement that the new pool at Cazadero is scheduled for completion by June, 1950, and that the camp is to have a new truck, made possible as one of the projects under the Conference Centennial Fund.

EARL LECTURES

The annual Pastoral Conference of the Pacific School of Religion will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 14, 15, and 16. The theme of the conference will be "Christian Faith and the Common Life." The Earl lectures will be given by two men: Bishop Stephen Neill of the South India United Church, who is a preacher of power and an effective evangelist, and is one of five associate general secretaries of the World Council of Churches; and Dr. Ernest M. Ligon, whose appearance will create wide interest because of the unique plan of religious education which he is sponsoring. Dr. Georgia Harkness, who was the Earl lecturer a year ago, will give the address on the last night of the Conference. She will be in residence at Pacific School during the winter quarter as a faculty member.

There will be five seminars, led by faculty members and other religious leaders, including Dr. Elbert M. Conover, Rev. George Warmer, Prof. Edward W. Blakeman, Prof. Robert E. Fitch, and Mrs. Harold Case.

Room reservations for those desiring hospitality at a very low rate should be sent to the School well in advance.

Hail, The Staff

Perhaps our readers noticed the improvement in the November and December editions of our paper. Rev. William W. Meyer, Director of Christian Education, edited the November number; and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension, edited the December issue. Both were excellently done, and the editor hereby expresses his appreciation.

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Northern California At "Mid-Winter"

Northern California will again be well represented at the various meetings to be held in Cleveland, February 10-16. Mrs. Bayard Buckham, president-elect of the Federation of Congregational Women, will be in attendance at the meeting of the women state presidents. Mrs. Scott Haymond is a member of the Board of Directors of the Board of Home Missions, of which Rev. William McCormack, of San Francisco, is the president. Rev. Vere V. Loper is a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, of San Mateo, will attend a meeting of the state chairmen for Our Christian World Mission. Rev. W. W. Meyer is serving as president of the State Educational Directors, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill is president of the National Superintendents' Conference. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham will not be at the Mid-winter Meetings, since during January he will attend the nation-wide Interdenominational Conference on City Work in Columbus, being held under the auspices of the Home Missions Council of North America.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19—Annual Meeting Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
January 20-21—Cavalcade of Christian Education, First Baptist Church, Oakland.
February 10-16—Midwinter Meetings, Cleveland, Ohio.
February 14-16—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
February 19—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Fresno.
February 26—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
March 9 — Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Sacramento.
March 12—Offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing."
April 9—Easter.
May 14—Mother's Day.
May 26-28—State Conference, Santa Cruz.
June 22-26 — General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.
June 26-29—Proposed dates for the first General Synod of United Church of Christ in America.
July 5-August 2—Pastors' School, La Foret, Colo.

P. S. R. CLASSES

Pacific School of Religion has inaugurated an "extension service." Dr. Georgia Harkness, who will be visiting professor of Practical Theology for the winter quarter, offers a course on "Christianity in Today's World" on Monday afternoons from 4 to 6. The lectures began on January 3 and are open to ministers and lay religious workers.

On the same day from 2 to 4 Dr. Correll M. Julian, of the PSR faculty, offers to ministers a course on "Survey and Appraisal" of the church in the community. This involves both lectures and laboratory work. Together these two courses will give opportunity to ministers within a reasonable distance of Berkeley for an afternoon a week of creative study. A ten dollar registration fee will be all that is involved in the way of expense for enrollment in either or both of the courses.

Paul Otto Krumbein

Not until a few days ago had the information of the death of Rev. Paul Otto Krumbein reached the editor of The Pacific. He passed away on May 14, 1949.

He was born December 3, 1857, in Dresden, Germany, graduating from the Evangelical Seminary of the University at Reutlingen. He was ordained in 1903, and was married in 1906 to Amanda Behnke, whom he met while pastor in Koenigsberg. He served two other churches in Germany before coming to North Dakota in 1910, where he was minister of two Evangelical churches. In 1915 he came into the Congregational fellowship, having two pastorates in North Dakota, one in Walla Walla, Wash., and two in Northern California: Biola and Fresno, Free Cross. Under his guidance the latter church became the largest in the German Conference and in the Northern California Congregational Conference.

His wife died in 1925. During the last few years of his life he was a member of the First Congregational Church in Fresno, and the services were conducted by Rev. John H. Gregg and Rev. August C. Claus. He leaves four sons, five daughters, and ten grandchildren.

DR. WOODRUFF WITH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Rev. James H. Woodruff, formerly acting pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, is now Director of Promotion for Northern California of Church World Service, with his office at 21 Eleventh Street, San Francisco. He promotes the collection of clothing, bedding, shoes, soap, and other non-perishable materials for relief. He is often called upon to lecture both within and outside the state and has much to do with the program for displaced persons in this area.

Rev. Ira Black To Lead In Evangelism

Under the leadership of Rev. Ira Black of the Board of Home Missions, visitation evangelism campaigns will be held at Modesto, Santa Rosa, and Mira Vista. In the Modesto area, the Ripon and Salida churches are cooperating in the visitation campaign which will begin with an evening service at Ripon on Sunday, February 19. Most of the week following will be devoted to making calls for the new College Avenue Church in Modesto, but one evening each will be given to Ripon and Salida.

The Santa Rosa drive will begin with an evening service on February 26, followed by five days of intensive calling by church members in the northern area of the city, where the new church will be located. At Mira Vista (El Cerrito) the campaign starts off with an evening meeting at the home of Rev. Gifford Webster on Sunday, March 5. During the week following, calls will be made by members of the church fellowship and neighboring Congregational ministers who are interested in the project.

Ira Black has been conducting visitation campaigns all over the country, and splendid results are anticipated from his visit to the three churches in our Conference.

A Reporter Speaks

Let me say that I am very proud of the council's recent action on the application of the Congregational Conference for a church in Mira Vista. I am proud because, in the face of some small interests, which placed economics before moral values, it voted unanimously for the building site. For a while I thought the circumstance of the first Christmas would be repeated. It was the second time this religious group had sought a building site, and I wondered if, like that memorable night, there might not be room enough in our civic hearts for the results of that first Christmas. But the council came through with flying colors, sincere opinions, and a new church for El Cerrito.

—Dan Hurley,
El Cerrito Journal, Dec. 30, 1949

The Year 1949

Copy for The Pacific goes to the printer before closing the books showing benevolence receipts applicable to the year 1949. Thus the church by church list of giving will be omitted, but will be complete in the February issue.

SANTA CRUZ—The organ is to have a thorough-going renovation. Already committees are being appointed and plans laid looking toward the entertainment of the Conference in May. Rev. Ed Cuningham is pastor.

CLOVERDALE — Rev. Charles S. Mundell, who had been invited to serve as pastor of this church, was set upon by thugs and horribly beaten while still in Los Angeles, which delayed his coming for several weeks. He is now on the field beginning his work gradually, but it will take some weeks before he will be in full strength.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO—Beginning with the first of the year two identical services will be held on Sunday mornings for the purpose of taking care of the congregations and automobile parking. On December 4 and 18 a total of 31 new members were received. Robert W. Moon and Will L. Chandler are the ministers.

ALTURAS — Modoc County was first in California to get its carload of grain moving for relief work overseas. The church Christmas Bazaar grossed over $630. The musical program presented by this church during Christmas season was outstanding. Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case are the beloved leaders of this church.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — This church continues to send relief packages to Japan. Two Christmas programs were presented over local radio stations. In accordance with custom, a large number of Christmas gifts came from friends and members to the budget of the church. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

BENICIA — A very large part of the budget for 1950 was subscribed in a very successful Every Member Canvass. Other plans are under way to help liquidate the debt on the manse. Attendance at church is improving. Mr. C. T. Gustafson is the pastor.

FAIRFAX — The church work is going splendidly. As much was raised on the first Sunday of the canvass as was secured in pledges all of last year. Plans are under way to secure an electronic organ. Rev. James Montgomery is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—Twenty-four persons were in the New Year's class of new members and nine were received on December 18. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, was the chaplain in the special session of the State Assembly held in December.

GUERNEVILLE—Ten teams raised the budget for 1950 in a very well organized canvass. It was smaller than that adopted for the previous year but larger than that actually raised. Rev. Frank E. Carlson is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK—Recreation and craft activities have been carried on two days a week, Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap in charge. The church celebrated the first anniversary of its organization by a dinner at the Pioneer Church.

MODESTO — The minister, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, and his family have moved into the new parsonage. This will release the old building for worship and educational purposes.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS — The Mission Fest yielded $2,141 for benevolences. Rev. Carl J. Maier is pastor.

1950 SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUMMER CAMPS AT CAZADERO

		DIRECTORS
June 10-17	Central, San Joaquin P.F.	Rev. Terence Stoker
June 17-24	Eastbay P.F.	Rev. George W. Lindsay
June 24-July 1	College Age Group	Rev. Kenneth Kinnear
July 1-8	Redwood, Upperbay P.F.	Rev. Gifford Webster
July 8-15	State P.F. Camp	Mrs. Scott Haymond
July 15-22	Family Camp No. 1	Rev. Ruben Huenemann
July 22-29	Junior High	To be secured
August 5-12	Junior High	To be secured
August 12-19	Family Camp No. 2	To be secured
August 19-26	Junior Age Camp	Miss Alice Sanderson
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	Westbay P.F.	Rev. Weldon Batty
September 2-4	Young Adult	To be secured

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST—The December ue of The Pacific showed a photo- ph of the new Fresno First Church it will appear when the final unit completed. The dedication, which held on the morning of December was a highly notable occasion. At first of the duplicate services, ch was held at 9:30, the sanctuary well filled; and at eleven o'clock, spite of using all available space n chairs, people were turned away. e chancel is finished in naturally ned redwood with a large redwood ss suspended above the Communion ble. The color and the lighting are st attractive and restful. Lovely day school rooms enclose a large io. As a token of appreciation of leadership of Rev. John H. Gregg, ny gifts were presented, including furnishings of a very attractive d efficient office. On the last Sun- service in the old church, 79 ople were received into member- p. The former church property is w for sale. From it, resources are pected which will make possible the ilding of a great social hall to seat 0 people. The church is now locat- centrally for its constituency and an area of fine homes hitherto churched. This has been one of notable achievements within this nference in many years.

MARTINEZ—This church is un- rtaking as its part of the Centennial raise one-half of the cost of the easant Hill property. Up to date, th a limited number of people, one- lf of the church goal has been cured, this in addition to the prog- ss made in the capital fund cam- ign for the improvement of the urch building. A new men's group meeting Sunday mornings for eakfast. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — A cognition service for Rev. William McCormack was held on the eve- ng of December 18. Visiting clergy- en who participated were Rev. William R. McCormack, father of the astor, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, oderator of the Conference, Rev. ugh Vernon White, Rev. Vere V. oper, and Supt. Harley H. Gill. wenty-two persons were received in- membership on a recent Sunday.

STOCKTON — The 1949 bazaar rpassed the previous record of a ear ago. New goals were reached the number of people working and tending, in gross receipts, and in ne attractive arrangement of the azaar. The net proceeds were $1150, addition to some special attractions y Church School classes. The occa- on was not only one of securing dditional finances but of good fel- owship. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

SAN MATEO—Fifteen new mem- ers were received on December 4. There was a Christmas eve service at 1:00 p. m. and two Christmas morn- ng services. Some plans for building xpansion are under consideration. The Christmas offering was toward he goal of Our Christian World Mission. The ministers are Benton S. Gaskell and M. M. Irwin.

ANGELS CAMP — The goal for pledges for 1950 is $6,000, with the hope that an additional unit can be built joining Friendship Hall with kitchen, parlor, storage room, and two restrooms. Rev. Lawrence G a r- ger preached a series of sermons in December on the Christian Content of our Faith.

BERKELEY, FIRST — On Decem- ber 1, this church celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its forma- tion. It came into being with the organization of 23 charter members. It outgrew two of its own edifices and now is in many ways the leading church of the Conference with a regis- tration of 1600. Its inception arose out of a decision of the General Asso- ciation of California and an appropri- ation by the Home Missionary Society for the beginning of work. It has had a succession of truly great min- isters, but space forbids the listing of more than the last three: Rev. Ray- mond C. Brooks, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, and Rev. Vere V. Loper, their period of service reaching back to 1914. On Sunday, December 4, 40 new members were received into the fellowship. A large group of children received baptism on Christ- mas Sunday. The usual midnight service of music was held and attend- ed by a capacity house.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — This church is now incorporated and holds title to the spacious property that some day will be developed for new church school and recreation purpos- es. A Christmas program and play were held in Pilgrim Hall at the First Congregational Church of Berke- ley. The church basketball team does exceedingly well in the league. A memorial service was held for John Gee, who died from injuries in New York on October 26. John was, at one time, in charge of the school and church. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

LOOMIS — The Sunday School Christmas concert was attended by more than a hundred persons. Four- teen PFers attended the Midwinter Conference in Oakland, being one of the largest delegations from a single church. Rev. Hendrik Martynse, the pastor, uses the monthly newspaper which he publishes for church and community purposes and to remind people of the fearful wreckage being caused by the use and sale of alcoholic beverages.

BERKELEY, NORTH — This church celebrated its annual home- coming on December 11. New mem- bers were received into the church. Friends and former members were especially invited, the whole group enjoying an informal social hour in the Fellowship House. The planting and beautifying of the grounds are in progress. Rev. Williston Wirt is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST—The church build- ing has new electric wiring, mostly done by volunteers. Four members have been received and two babies baptized recently. The Pilgrim Fel- lowship youth augmented by the choir presented a lovely pageant drama the Sunday before Christmas. Seven young people attended the Midwinter P. F. Conference in Oakland. Rev. Amos R. Boone is pastor.,

SEBASTOPOL—A full 50% gain in church support has been guaranteed by the results of the every member canvass. A lovely cantata, "His Name Shall Be Called Jesus," was given by the choir at the 11 o'clock hour on Christmas Day. Rev. Raymond Keeble is the pastor.

SUISUN—There is a very active young couples group and a basketball team of young men. Supt. Harley H. Gill is to visit the church on January 22. Mr. Donald Cassiday of Pacific School of Religion is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA AR- DEN—During October and Novem- ber, church services were held in the unfinished church building with no heat, no windows, no doors, and with construction going on between times. One thousand dollars' worth of furnishings was given the church by a resident of the community. All activities continued unabated. During December, the building was put in more comfortable condition. Beautiful Christmas services were held at mid- night on Christmas eve and on Christmas Day. On New Year's day, church school at 9:45, church service and kindergarten at 11, youth groups meeting in the evening, closing with a quiet hour of meditation. Rev. Joseph Chester and Mary McKee Chester are co-pastors.

PORTERVILLE — Reports at the annual meeting will show that over half of the present members have joined since Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith began his pastorate eight years ago. New sidewalk and concrete surface have been laid in front of the church building. The annual candlelight ves- per service was pronounced more im- pressive and beautiful than ever, and the congregation overflowed the sanc- tuary. The junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Goldsmith, furnished the music for the entire service of worship on Christmas Day.

SUNOL — The Sunday attendance has been moving up very encourag- ingly, reaching close to 35 for Sunday. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has the pastor's Bible class meeting weekly. A percentage of every offering goes for benevolences. The property has been deeded to the Conference; but with the progress now being shown, it will not be long till the church re- incorporates and goes forward more strongly than for many years.

OROVILLE—The beautiful stained glass windows of the church were lighted from within each evening during the Christmas season and tree lights were arranged on evergreens on each side of the windows. Christmas music came from the chimes each evening at 5:30. About $1100 was cleared in the holiday fair for the parsonage fund. Rev. Byron E. Esh- elman is pastor.

ORINDA — The Sunday School presented a pageant twice on the morning of December 18. The Christ- mas day service was held in the Orinda Theatre, two choirs of 75 voices furnishing the music. Five new members have been received into the church recently. The budget for local expenses and benevolences, totaling $15,000, is in process of being raised. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH—Rev. James E. Simpson, a recent comer from Nebraska and taking advanced work at Pacific School of Religion, has been called to the co-pastorship of this church to serve with Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr. Mr. Simpson served 42 months in the Army Air Corps. He is a graduate of Yankton College and Yankton Theological School.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM— Rev. George W. Lindsay, pastor of this church, was the director of the Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Confer- ence. Two hundred attended the an- nual Christmas party and pageant. The high school choir sang Christmas songs at Fairmount Hospital and the new junior high choir sang on Lake Merritt during Christmas week.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVE- NUE—Christmas was really celebrated as a Christian festival by large num- bers of this new community. Rev. J. Hood Snavely, the minister, by his vision and leadership, overcame the feeling on the part of many of the people that attendance would be small at a midnight service and on Christ- mas morning. The church was filled on both occasions. The decorations were beautiful and the messages in- spiring. New members were received at the midnight service. Plans for Kensington park and playground im- mediately across the street from the church site will make possible the integration of the church in a large community center plan, to be realized some day in the future.

SANTA ROSA — The church is completing its most successful Every Member Canvass in a number of years. This, with some outside help, will make it possible for Mr. William E. Welch to devote full time. A strong program is being developed. Mr. Welch will appear before the Con- ference Committee on Ministerial Standing. Though a change of pas- tors caused the church to fall behind financially in 1948, a special effort was made to pay their apportionment pledge for that year. A "Debt of Honor" campaign was carried on during 1949, and the full amount of $159 has been raised and sent to the Conference office for their 1948 mis- sionary quota.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE— Following the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. B. Y. Leong, the young people of the church have responsibility for one morning service a month, the juniors taking over on November 27 and the senior young people for the Christmas service. Mr. Leong is the dean of all of the pastors of our Con- gregational churches, having served since 1927. He was with the church for three years at an earlier time.

OAKLAND, FIRST — Christmas baskets were prepared and distributed in the parish. The young people went caroling. There were two morning services on Christmas Sunday, with the choir singing carols on the church steps before each one. The church was host to the Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference. A communion service was conducted by Rev. Clar- ence Reidenbach, the pastor, on New Year's eve.

PETALUMA — The budget for benevolences has been fully subscribed and that for current expenses is near- ing the goal. A candlelight service was held at midnight on Christmas eve and a family Christmas service at 11:00 o'clock on December 25. A number of children have been bap- tized and new members have been received into the church. Rev. Her- bert C. Gans is pastor.

SAN LORENZO — The midnight Christmas eve candlelighting service witnessed a full house. Three hundred fifty people heard the first half of "The Messiah" in a special Christ- mas musical given by the Chapel Choir. There is a newly organized junior choir. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

PESCADERO—There has been a decided up-turn in interest. Three new members united with the church. About thirty adults were present at a program presented by the released time students during Christmas week. Mr. Ronald O. Smith is serving as pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Miss Mary Coxhead, Correspondent

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held in the First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley, on Thursday, January 19, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, of Stockton, retiring president, will preside. Following organ prelude, hymn, prayer, and greetings, Mrs. Ruth E. Prager, of Church World Service, will give an address on "Displaced Persons from Europe". Later in the forenoon there will be reports of officers and secretaries and then the election and installation of officers for the coming year. Before adjournment, President-elect Mrs. W. B. Buckham will give a brief address.

Lunch will be served at noon with Mrs. Vere V. Loper presiding. The afternoon session will open with an organ recital. Mrs. E. B. Kientz will then tell the story of the joint meeting of Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian women leaders held in November in Cleveland. The association presidents will give their reports.

As a highlight of the entire meeting, an address will be given by Dr. Georgia Harkness, noted theologian who was Earl lecturer in 1949 and who is to spend the winter quarter as visiting professor at Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Vere V. Loper, host pastor, will conduct the closing worship service.

Price of the luncheon will be 85 cents. Reservations must be sent or telephoned by Tuesday, January 17, to Mrs. LeRoy Smith, 331 Vicente Road, Berkeley 5, BErkeley 7-5878-M, or phoned to Mrs. W. C. Blasdale, BErkeley 7-5146-J.

Friendly Service

In closing her year as secretary for Friendly Service, Mrs. Helen C. Brown sends this communication:

"Miss Helen Frances Smith, national secretary for Friendly Service, has sent us a Christmas greeting, a part of which I wish to share with you:

"'Once more the Christmas greeting from the Friendly Service Department takes the form of a 'thank you' letter to all of you who have helped to make our year's work so successful and far reaching. It literally stretches around the world and in many, many places voices are repeating these two words of appreciation to friends known and unknown who have remembered them in 1949.'

"As I look over the results of the past year's work, I, too, wish to express my appreciation of what you have done. This has been a year when our Home Mission quotas were not as large as in some years, but opportunity was afforded us to give abundantly to the areas devastated by war.

"A number of groups have done just this: Many books, Sunday School supplies, and magazine subscriptions have gone to the Philippines; used clothing of various kinds to Japan; greeting cards to Miss Lucy Clark in Ceylon; clothing to orphanages in Beirut, Lebanon and Aleppo, Syria; cash, sewing kits, painting aprons, yardage, etc., to our own migrants; $25 to a leper colony; hard-to-find articles such as soap, thread, combs, scissors, etc., to the Lucy Perry Noble Institute in Madura; layettes and clothing to the Congregational-Christian Service Committee in New York for overseas.

"Among many generous givers, I should like to pay tribute to Oakland First which outdid itself this year with a total of $276, $55 of which went to new extension work in Richmond. Alameda followed with $171, and Berkeley First with $99, plus many magazine subscriptions and books, the value of which has not been reported; Palo Alto bettered last year's excellent record by a gift of $151, and many smaller churches gave with equal generosity in accordance with their size."

THANKS FROM MRS. GILL

Mrs. Harley H. Gill desires to express her deep appreciation because of the hundreds of messages of sympathy and good cheer that she has received during the past few weeks. So many have taken the pains to state that no answer was expected, which is another evidence of the thoughtfulness of her friends. She would like to send a personal note to each one, but that is impossible. She is improving slowly, but it will still be some time before she can be very active.

CHURCH COUNCIL DINNER

Readers of The Pacific are reminded of the annual meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland, on Friday, January 20. Dinner will be served at 6:45, at $1.90 per plate. Reservations should be made through the Council office, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. The business session with reports for 1949 and election of officers for 1950 will follow the dinner. Dr. Georgia Harkness, visiting professor at Pacific School of Religion, will give the address.

OAKLAND, BETHANY

Disaster has seemed to follow disaster for Bethany Armenian Church at Oakland and its beloved pastor, Rev. Kapriel Bedrosian. Mrs. Bedrosian was taken seriously ill in October, but seemed to improve. On a Sunday in November Mr. Bedrosian collapsed while in his pulpit and was taken to a hospital, where he was confined many weeks, much of the time unconscious. While there, Mrs. Bedrosian suffered a relapse, was taken to another hospital, and passed away. Mr. Bedrosian, who is now in a rest home, has not yet been informed of his wife's passing; indeed, he is completely rational only intermittently. It is a serious blow to the church, which was looking forward with high hopes to the occupancy of a church building which they had purchased in the Dimond district in East Oakland. The people have rallied not only in caring for Mr. Bedrosian's needs but caring for the services of worship.

Mrs. Bedrosian was in former days an exceedingly talented musician and teacher of music. Mr. Bedrosian, who came to Oakland from Los Angeles, had distinguished pastorates in other parts of the country.

TOWARD GOAL

The Centennial Fund continues to move toward its goal, although it still has a long ways to go. Two new gifts of $1,000 each and a number of smaller ones have come into the office in the last few days and there is a fairly steady flow of payments on previous pledges.

In the meantime the needs and opportunities pyramided. Three full projects for Cazadero have been authorized which together will take all of the money now available for Cazadero, namely, the road (finished some months ago), a new truck, and a swimming pool.

In the church extension side of the ledger, the following capital investments have been made: Sacramento, Oak Park, $2,500; Santa Rosa lot, $3,000; Modesto parsonage, $4,000; Pleasant Hill property, $3,900. Mira Vista will undoubtedly require from the Centennial Fund about $1,800, and the support of that project has thus far required an investment of about $925. Soon a beginning is to be made in Forest Hill, San Francisco, and other fields should be occupied.

From Africa

Christmas letters have come to their friends from Miss Agnes Wood and Miss Florence Malcolm, both serving as missionaries in Africa but in widely different areas. Miss Wood tells of the help which her horse, Petaluma gives her in her round of duties. It will be remembered that the Petaluma church presented her with the money for the purchase of a horse.

Miss Malcolm received a large part of the purchase price of a jeep from the churches and associations in Northern California, and some kodak pictures show something of the good uses to which it is being put in her great field in West Africa.

Thus, Northern California has a definite interest not only in the support of two splendid women in Africa but their means of transportation and the resultant saving of time.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension, has been re-elected as president of the Comity Commission of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches. In doing so the Commission expressed its sincere appreciation of the effectiveness of his leadership.

HOUR OF SHARING

"One Great Hour of Sharing" wi be presented to the entire nation b radio on Saturday night, March 1 In this will be told something of th need of the suffering world which ca be alleviated by the gifts of Christia people through their denominationa participation in Church World Se vice. There will be four radio release as well as the national broadcas Sunday morning, Christian peopl across the nation will bring thei offerings. Our Congregational church es will receive credit on Our Christia World Mission through gifts on thi occasion, which we apply on ou Relief and Reconstruction Funds.

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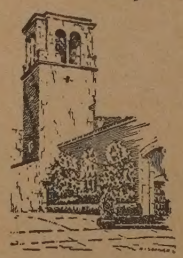

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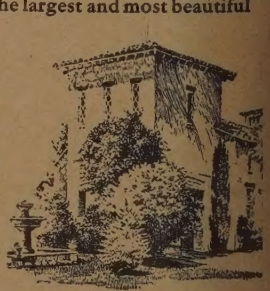

Santa Rosa

Visitors are always welcome at either establishment.

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